

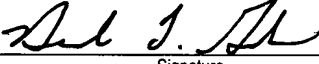
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- (1) Mihara et al, U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0160902 A1, published August 28, 2003.

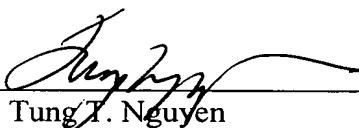
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